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BOOK REVIEWS.

LEIBNIZ'S DISCOURSE ON METAPHYSICS, CORRESPONDENCE WITH ARNAULD, AND MONADOLOGY. With Introduction by *Paul Janet*. Translated by *Dr. G. K. Montgomery*. Chicago: The Open Court Pub. Co.; London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co. 1902. Pp., xxi, 272. Price, 35 cents (2s.).

What a marvellously gifted man Leibniz was! The king of Prussia truly said of him, "He represents in himself a whole Academy;" and George I. of England was quite justified in saying, "I count myself happy in possessing two kingdoms, in one of which I have the honor of reckoning a Leibniz, and in the other a Newton, among my subjects." A brilliant mathematician, contesting with Newton the honor of discovering the Calculus; a gifted psychologist and epistemologist, equalling and surpassing, in his *New Essays*, Locke's famous *Essay*; a profound theologian, writing the most famous book on *Theodicy* which has ever been printed; a learned historian, producing a history of the House of Brunswick commended by Gibbon himself; a far-sighted statesman and diplomatist, honored at several of the most powerful courts of Europe; a great philosopher, founder of modern German speculative philosophy and worthy to be named with Kant himself; and, withal, an eminent scientist, "a man of science, in the modern sense, of the first rank," as Professor Huxley calls him,—these are a few of his claims to consideration.

The profound and quickening thought of this most comprehensive thinker since Aristotle was never presented by him in a more simple and untechnical form than in his *Discourse on Metaphysics* and the correspondence with Arnauld relating thereto. These together with the *Monadology*, the last systematic presentation of his philosophy written by him a quarter of a century later, are here, at a nominal price, made accessible to the general reading public and to university students. If one will read these letters between Leibniz and Arnauld, and then the *Discourse on Metaphysics*, and finally the *Monadology*—and that is the best order in which to read the book—one will be introduced in the simplest and the best possible way to Leibniz's philosophy. The *Discourse on Metaphysics* is probably the best account of his philosophy which he ever wrote. His views underwent but little modification between the writing of the *Discourse on Meta-*

physics and the writing of the *Monadology*. The only important difference is in the introduction in the latter of a more artificial terminology.

Dr. Montgomery's little volume is adorned by a picture of the famous monument to Leibniz near the Thomas-Kirche in Leipsic, and enriched by a translation of the late Prof. Paul Janet's admirable *Introduction* to his *Œuvres philosophiques de Leibniz*. The type and paper are exceptionally pleasant to the eye; and altogether the translator and the publishers deserve the thanks of all lovers of stimulating thought and of all teachers and students of philosophy.

This book belongs to a series of inexpensive issues of philosophical classics. The series already includes Descartes's *Discourse on Method*, Hume's *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, Hume's *Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*, Berkeley's *Principles of Human Knowledge*, Berkeley's *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, Descartes's *Meditations and Selections from the Principles*, and Kant's *Prolegomena*; and other similar works are promised. The series puts the masterpieces of philosophy within the reach of all who may care to read them; and it places at the disposal of teachers of philosophy and of the history of philosophy a most valuable adjunct to their teaching, in the form of easily obtainable and inexpensive collateral reading to put in the hands of their students. In publishing these books the Open Court Publishing Company is doing a most commendable educational work, which deserves the heartiest encouragement from the reading public and from our colleges and universities.

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ETHIK. Eine Darstellung der ethischen Prinzipien und deren Anwendung auf besondere Lebensverhältnisse. Von Dr. Harald Höffding, Professor an der Universität Kopenhagen. Zweite Auflage der deutschen Ausgabe. Unter Mitwirkung des Verfassers nach der vielfach geänderten und erweiterten zweiten dänischen Ausgabe, übersetzt von F. Bendixen. Leipzig: O. R. Reisland. 1901. Pages, xvi, 618.

Professor Höffding's *Ethics* has reached its second edition in both the original Danish and the German translation. The second edition does not in any essential point differ from the first one. Professor Höffding has adhered to his principles, which may be characterised in his own words as "an ethics of welfare." *Welfare* in his language is practically the same as the principle of Utilitarianism. Professor Höffding defines it in terms of pleasurable feelings, the weak side of which has been the subject of a discussion between him and the editor of *The Monist* (Vol. I., No. 4.)

Leaving alone the moot point of the ultimate principle of ethics, which in the present case has very little influence upon the execution of the work, Professor Höffding's *Ethics* exhibits sound judgment and a combination of a respect for such institutions as the State, marriage, the dispensation of law in the courts, etc., with